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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 31, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire March 31, 2004, which makes this a timely filed response to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 4 – 14 and 31. In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. Pursuant to 35 CFR §1.116, it is submitted that the following amendments satisfy all requirements of form set forth in the outstanding Office Action and otherwise places all claims in condition for allowance.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: